

Ted Ralston, Kailua Canoe Club; I live Waimanalo, grew up Lanikai. In favor of Bill 11 as amended.

We all need to act with personal accountability and stewardship towards the beach, our common inheritance. No one has the right to exploit the beach environment.

However, human nature being what it is, we are faced with a "proliferation of unpermitted commercial activities, abuse, and illegal operations" (Star Advertiser 5-7-12.) There are no "Approved Activity Designations" as required under ROH for operating a business at the beach. Bill 11 is an important step in correcting the current abuse.

The Ocean Resources Management Plan promotes a community-oriented, ahupua'a-centric land use including a kapu system to prevent distortion such as that at Kailua. Bill 11 can be kapu ekahi, the first of these modern kapu.

We are all in this together, whether we are making money from Kailua Beach or adversely affected by the commercial activities, and we must solve the problem together. Bill 11 is strong medicine for our chronic disease.

Ke malama nui nei kakou, i na kahakai...we must care for our beaches with a passion. Bill 11 is good for Kailua.

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